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1. from Brno (P50/N40) to Trinec (Q50/087) Czechoslovakia, across the Polish border to Bielsko (Q50/X88), Dziedzice (Q50/X89), Oswiecim (Q51/Y74), Krakow (Q51/Z24) and then to Warsaw (R53/L09), returning to Krakow via Katowice (Q51/Y57) and Poznan (P53/Y26) and then across the Czechoslovak border again, 50X1-HUM not observe any radar installations.
2. no special blackout preparations or air raid drills were being carried out in any of the cities all important public buildings in Krakow have their own fire fighting forces organized and trained from 50X1-HUM the personnel working in the buildings. These forces, it is believed, have been organized for some time and are not the result of recent measures.
3. Automobiles can still be bought privately, but gasoline is rationed and mileage restricted. For example, private car 50X1-HUM owners are permitted to drive only 100 kilometers from the town in which they live. Taxis are limited to gasoline sufficient for 200 kilometers per month travel, and mileage is checked monthly, 50X1-HUM when the new gasoline ration is issued. Black market gasoline is very difficult to obtain. All new taxis are of Soviet manufacture and come from the Molotov factory. Ambulances were either the regular type or U. S. Army type. no trucks had been converted to ambulances.
4. the shortage of gasoline may be an indication that supplies are being stockpiled. In regard to medical supplies, they are short everywhere 50X1-HUM and many common medications are difficult or impossible to get.

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It was specifically mentioned that iodine preparations used in the treatment of goiter were almost impossible to procure. An indication of the shortage, the reasons for which are not known, is a recent law passed by the Polish Parliament requiring patients to pay a deposit of ten percent of the cost of prescriptions ordered. This is to prevent people from ordering from a pharmacy on a doctor's prescription and then failing to pick up the medicine when it is ready, thus causing a waste of materials.

5.

[redacted] a large new installation is being constructed near Warsaw, complete with storage facilities and rail freight yard. Exact location of the installation is unknown.

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6. The largest concentrations of rolling stock were [redacted] at Oswiecim and Chrzanow (Q5)/Y85). It is believed that there were easily over 1,000 freight cars in the yards at each place. Chrzanow is the site of a large freight car factory and the factory yard was full of new cars of all types. A somewhat smaller concentration of rolling stock was observed at Dziedzice. At Katowice a large concentration of cars loaded with coal and iron ore was observed.

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[redacted] the Russian ore was fit only for road building. At Katowice many flat cars were also observed. They were loaded with I-beams and rails.

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7. It was further reported that there has been no noticeable increase of Soviet personnel in the Polish transportation system. Soviet directors are known to function at a higher level in the railroad offices at Krakow and Katowice, but there is no sign of Soviet personnel at the lower levels.

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8.

[redacted] many railroad bridges are still undergoing repairs for damage suffered during World War II.

9. Factories at Katowice, Poland and Trinec, Czechoslovakia are reportedly working seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day.

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